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1. EMBOFF CALLED ON SENATOR INAN JULY 3 FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ALONG LINES REQUESTED IN REFTTEL.

2. INAN LED OFF WITH NEWS THAT HE HIMSELF. PERHAPS ACCOMPANIED BY TWO OTHERS, WOULD LEAVE JULY 5 FOR WASHINGTON TO MAKE ANOTHER EFFORT WITH CONGRESS AND PRESS REGARDING ARMS EMBARGO. HE ASKED THAT WORD BE PASSED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT DEPARTMENT MONDAY, JULY 7, AND AT THAT TIME WOULD LIKE DEPARTMENT'S APPRAISAL OF CONGRESSIONAL SITUATION AND ADVICE ON BEST APPROACH TO USE. HE ALSO ASKED FOR DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPEARANCE ON AGRONSKY TELEVISION SHOW AND PRESS CONFERENCE AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB. HE COULD STAY IN WASHINGTON ONLY ONE WEEK. HE SAID HE WAS TIRED AND DID NOT WANT TO MAKE TRIP BUT WAS MOTIVATED BY CONCERN FOR U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS.

3. EMBOFF TOLD INAN THAT INFORMATION LATTER HAD PROVIDED JUNE 30 HAD BEEN GREATLY APPRECIATED AND WOULD BE PROTECTED. INAN THEN PROCEEDED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER, AND EMBOFF HAD OPPORTUNITY TO INTERJECT QUESTIONS ON LOW-KEY,

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PERSONAL BASIS. IN THAT PROCESS, INAN MADE THESE POINTS:

A. PRIMIN DEMIREL FULLY SUPPORTS REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROPOSAL, AS DOES FOREIGN OFFICE (ALTHOUGH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL SEEMS LUKEWARM). HOWEVER, "POLITICAL DECISION" TO GO AHEAD WITH PROPOSAL HAS YET TO BE MADE BY CABINET.

B. BEFORE DEPARTURE FOR WASHINGTON, INAN EXPECTS TO SPEAK WITH DEMIREL AND WILL URGE HIM TO GO AHEAD WITH POLITICAL DECISION TO MAKE PROPOSAL. HE WILL ALSO ASK DEMIREL'S PERMISSION TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH OPPOSITION LEADER ECEVIT AND REQUEST HIS SUPPORT (INAN HAD PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION ON REFUGEES WITH ECEVIT AT COCKTAIL PARTY JULY 2, AND ECEVIT ASKED THAT THEY CONTINUE IN MORE APPROPRIATE PLACE). INAN ALSO HAS TALKED WITH SECGEN OF PRESIDENCY, TO WHOM HE SUGGESTED THAT HE (INAN) EXPLAIN MATTER TO PRESIDENT AND APPEAL FOR LATTER'S "ARBITRATION" BETWEEN TWO MAJOR PARTIES ON THIS ISSUE.

C. IF DEMIREL DECIDED TO PROCEED WITH REFUGEE PROPOSAL, INAN BELIEVES IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR PROPOSAL TO BE ON TABLE IN TIME TO HELP IN EFFORT TO RAISE EMBARGO. PROPOSAL WOULD SIMPLY BE MADE IN FORM OF PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. AS REGARDS SETTING FOR VIENNA III, HOWEVER, INAN'S OPINION WAS THAT MOST IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION WAS NOT REFUGEE PROPOSAL BUT WHETHER ARMS EMBARGO LIFTED BY THE TURKISH ATTITUDE AT VIENNA III WOULD BE EXTREMELY HARD IF EMBARGO STILL IN EFFECT.

D. IT WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE USEFUL AT PRESENT FOR US TO APPROACH DEMIREL, CAGLAYANGIL, OR ANYONE ELSE IN GOT REGARDING TURKISH INITIATIVES IN CYPRUS. THEY COULD NOT EVEN DISCUSS REFUGEE PROPOSAL UNTIL POLITICAL DECISION MADE CONCERNING IT.

4. AS INSTRUCTED, EMBOFF INDICATED USG'S STRONG CONCERN OVER KARPASS EVICTION ISSUE. INAN IMMEDIATELY RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF MARKARIOS CARRIED OUT A MAJOR PROVOCATION AGAINST TURKS IN CYPRUS AT THIS TIME TO INTERFERE WITH CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON ARMS EMBARGO.

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5. COMMENT: IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION IN PARA 2 REFTTEL ON WHO INAN IS SPEAKING FOR, OUR BEST GUESS IS DEMIREL, GIVEN INAN'S REMARK ON LUKEWARM ATTITUDE OF CAGLAYANGIL. HOWEVER, WE SENSE ALSO A STRONG QUOTIENT OF INAN'S OWN DRIVE AND A DEVELOPING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH ISSUES INVOLVED.
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